



APFSCIL

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Meeting 415

Monday 5 March 2018 @ 7:30PM

At The HORSESHOE, 24 Clerkenwell Close, EC1R 0AG, T020 7253 6068.

Nearest tube & mainline station is Farringdon

Top Table: Kevin Wells, Chairman (Leicester City); Neil Le Milliere, Secretary (Exeter City); Nick Head, Treasurer (Southampton) & Roger Pyne, Minutes Secretary (Exeter City).

Meeting Opened: 19.36

1 Apologies for Absence: Arthur Turner, Middlesbrough; Andy Skeels, Scunthorpe; Greg Foxsmith, Plymouth; David Cross, Mansfield; Steve O'Brien, Manchester United; Roger Williams, Blackburn; Monica Hartland, Stoke & Woody, Burnley. Neil Le Milliere mentioned that Monica Hartland was unable to attend as she is recuperating from a hip operation, and on behalf of the association wished her a speedy recovery.

2 Attending for the First Time: There were no new attendees at the meeting.

3 Approval of the Minutes from Meeting 414

3.1. Martin Garrett (Coventry City) referred to the darts singles competition (para 10.3.5) and confirmed that the date was now confirmed as Tuesday 27th March 2018.

4 Matters arising from Meeting 413 not covered elsewhere:

4.1 No matters were arising.

Neil, Le Milliere, Secretary

5 Chairman's Report

5.1 Nothing to report.

Kevin Wells, kwells@gwc-accountants.co.uk

6 Secretary's Report

6.1 The biggest item for me this month was the buying of the tickets for the Non-League Finals Day, but they are all bought, and we will shortly be letting clubs know what is owed.

6.2 One of the (numerous) ways that football supporters are treated differently, and some would say unfairly, compared to supporters of other sports is that even though we are in a neutral area Wembley are still trying to enforce the rule that attendees are only allowed to wear the colours of the club's area they are in as defined on their ticket.

Wembley are saying that means that no colours can be worn at all as it's the neutral area and anyone wearing them will be refused entry or ejected after entry should they then be observed.

This is quite ludicrous in a neutral area and given one of the points about our attendance is to show supporters from different clubs can attend together with no issues and to show supporters from (mostly Premier and EFL) other clubs supporting their colleagues in Non-League.

We are currently in discussion with Wembley and the FA about this and are hoping for a sensible decision. They have already been shown to be telling porky pies as they said this was a police requirement, but the police have confirmed it is nothing to do with them and a Wembley/FA decision to make.

I'll keep you posted.

6.3 As authorised I paid our Website/Email Host Domain renewal fee and after commenting how it hadn't gone up since the last time we paid this I then got an email saying the price was going up from 29/3/18 but we will of course not be affected until the next time we renew in two years' time.

6.4 I circulated details of Chester's latest issues and their fund-raising plea. They did reach their initial target of £50,000, it has currently reached £90,000, so a new target of £150,000 has been set, but the struggle goes on. You can read more on their website at <http://www.cityfansunited.com/>

6.5 We received a request from the Hattrick production company for any contacts to provide quiz teams for the pilot of a TV football quiz show. I put them in contact with Ian Colley who runs the Home Counties Football Quiz League who is helping them out. One A team is already in, others are in the pipeline.

6.6 I also received a request from Blackpool to circulate details of their petition to the Government for a parliamentary debate on introducing an independent regulator for English football. I circulated this to all our members and have also circulated it all my members, the wider Exeter Support and asked our Club to support and circulate it.

Hopefully the rest of our members will be doing the same.
Neil Le Milliere, neil_le_milliere@btinternet.com

7 Treasurer's Report –

7.1 Balances

Current a/c £2037.33

Deposit a/c £5145.71

7.2 Monies owed

Treasurer owed. Wembley tickets £1,182; Web address £125.17; Texts for Pool & Darts £10; and Darts trophies £70.68

7.3 2017-18 Darts Subs Owed:

Newcastle

7.4 2017-18 Pool Subs Owed: Hull, Newcastle, and Hearts – WBA paid at the meeting.

Nick Head, nickjh1480@hotmail.com

8 Webmaster's Report

8.1 No report received prior to the meeting however my continuing thanks to Liz for the quick responses to any requests I make for help with email addresses and other matters N Le M. Sec.

Liz Cocks, elizabethcocks@sky.com

9 Travel Secretary's Report

9.1 For just about the first time something good to report about GWR. They made two offers for anyone who had bought advance tickets for Thursday 1/3 and Friday 2/3. Firstly, those tickets could be used on any train on any day up to and including Monday 5/3.

Secondly if you were unable to use them then a refund would be offered. I was told this also applied to tickets for Saturday 3/3 and have sent my tickets off and will update you in due course.

I hope other TOCs have been as generous, perhaps members can report back at the meeting.

9.2 There followed a lengthy discussion involving many attendees as to the attitudes of the TOCS as to refunds and the speed at which refunds are made.

Neil Le Milliere, neil_le_milliere@btinternet.com

10 Sports Secretaries Reports

10.1 Pool

10.1.1 Half way through the season and last year's champions

Newcastle continue to set the pace with 4 wins from 4 matches and 36 points.

West Brom lie second – 5 games, 3 wins and 32 points. Hull are third with 29 points from 3 wins in 4 matches.

10.1.2 One or two teams are falling behind schedule. With the World Cup this summer it's important that the league programme doesn't run on too long

Cheers Steve steve_cole99@btinternet.com Mob 07772047273

http://apfscilpool.leaguerepublic.com/l/fq/1_269910850.html;jsessionid=97FC9AEFF40F0D85E101B9DCAE737FFE.clubsites1

10.2 Football

10.2.1 League issues

It has been a tough few weeks for the football league since we have come back after Christmas. There have been several cancellations and postponements - some down to the weather and some down to clubs struggling to get a team out. This has led to a number of clubs not having games for a stretch and some clubs that still have a lot of games left to play for the remainder of the season. It is far from ideal, so I have called an EGM for tomorrow night to try and iron everything out and get ourselves back on track. It is nothing massively serious but needs to be addressed.

10.2.2 Race night

The Race Night didn't happen as planned last month due to lack of support from the clubs which was unfortunate. A new date will be decided upon at the EGM tomorrow and I will update members after the meeting. It is likely to be a Friday night and I would imagine around the start of April. It is a vital fundraising event and any support from the room would be greatly appreciated. It is also a great night out, so you would be enjoying yourselves as well as supporting the league.

10.2.3 Cup final day

We are still sorting out the cup final day at the end of the season but hope to have it in Wembley FC as we have the previous couple of years. Just waiting to fully confirm with them.

10.2.4 Next season

As a committee we are already looking forward to next season and looking to grow the league. I would really appreciate you all asking your members, especially around match days when lads who would be interested in playing are more likely to be in attendance. We should easily be able to get 2 more teams from the membership so if you can all please endeavour to get me a contact name I will get in touch with them and help them with whatever is needed to get set up and get playing every week.

Gary Warren APFSCIL Football League Chairman

Information etc can be found on the MITOO website as follows:

<http://football.mitoo.co/Noticeboard.cfm?countieslist=LondonMiddx&LeagueCode=APFS2013>

10.3 Darts

10.3.1 Matches have been continuing apace, though still with a fair number of postponements. However, more games do seem to get played in the second half of the season, so there are no major concerns at this stage.

10.3.2 League

The top two in each division are as follows: Division 1 – Nottingham Forest and Chester; Division 2 – Rotherham United and Plymouth Argyle; and Division 3 – Newcastle United and Southampton

10.3.3 Singles Knockout Competition

The singles knockout competition will be held on Tuesday 27 March at the Horseshoe. Captains have been informed, but a further reminder will be sent out nearer the time. Teams are asked to let Chris Turner and Rob Madigan know of the numbers of players they are expecting to send, though we will try and accommodate everyone on the night as long as they have arrived and registered by 7.30pm.

Chris Turner Chris.Turner@communities.gsi.gov.uk

APFSCIL Darts Secretary

Tables and Results can be seen via our website

<http://www.apfscil.org.uk/sporting-fixtures.html>

11 Social Secretary

11.1 Neil le Milliere congratulated Rob Maddigan (Social Secretary, Everton), on The Horseshoe being open and able to accommodate us this evening, as the pub had suffered some flooding as a result of the inclement weather.

12.2 Rob confirmed that for the APFSCIL Wembley day out at the non-league finals day, The Horseshoe would be open for breakfast & beer from 09.30!

12.3 Rob confirmed The Horseshoe would be showing World Cup matches on the big screens, all are welcome. Also, for CAMRA members there is 10p a pint off real ale.

Rob Madigan horseshoeclerkenwell@hotmail.co.uk

APFSCIL Social Secretary

12 Press and Publicity Secretary - Position Vacant

12.1 No items raised prior to the meeting.

13 Any Other Business

13.1 Date of Next Meeting

Our next ordinary General meeting is scheduled to be on Monday 9 April when I will probably an apology.

Meeting Closed: 20.08